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Subject: Web Harness

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Suggested Use: Background Information

A high quality treated webbing harness far superior to the product available during the last war has been developed as a war-time substitute for leather harness.

Production of the new harness is being speeded up to meet the needs for the spring work season.

Harness Treated and Tested

Unlike the product marketed during the last war, the new web harness now coming on the market has been treated against water, dry rot, acids, and mildew, according to specifications set up by the War Production Board. It also meets standards, and has passed tests, on stitching, riveting, stretch and shrinkage, breaking strength, and metal tipping to prevent fraying. The standards and tests were worked out through cooperation between the WPB and the U. S. Bureau of Standards.

All metal parts, such as harness hardware, rivets and eyelets are the same as on standard leather harness.

Military Demands Force Change

War Food officials explain that the resort to web harness is due to the huge military demands for leather. In the face of this increased demand, they say there probably will not be enough leather strapping to take care of all minimum replacement needs for the estimated 10 million head of horses and mules actually engaged in farm work.

Dealers and distributors may obtain complete specifications for the new webbing harness from the Canvas Products Section, Textile, Clothing and Leather Bureau, War Production Board, Washington, 25, D.C.

